

nor for cause, after an opportunity for a hearing, and any vacancy occurring in the office shall be filled in the manner heretofore provided.

The Commissioner of Mental Hygiene shall receive such salary as is fixed by the budget, and associate members of the Board of Mental Hygiene shall serve without pay.

No member of said Board shall in any way, directly or indirectly, have any pecuniary interest in any place in which the insane are confined or in the management or supplies or treatment of such insane.<sup>1</sup>

An. Code, 1924, sec. 16. 1912, sec. 16. 1904, sec. 16. 1888, sec. 16. 1886, ch. 487, sec. 17. 1918, ch. 68.

**16.** The members of said Board, except as herein provided, shall receive no compensation for their services, but such necessary expenses as may be incurred in the performance of their duties shall be paid by the Comptroller of the treasury on the presentation of an itemized account with the proper vouchers; but the comptroller shall have the power to refuse payment of expenses which he may decide to be unnecessary.

Whenever the Board is summoned by a court to inquire into the sanity of any person, under Sections 6 and 8 of this Article, the court shall allow a reasonable fee for services to each of the members of the Board who is a physician, including the Commissioner, and who has helped to make such examination; and, in addition, shall allow a sum of money sufficient to pay the necessary expenses of the Board in making the examination, the sum or sums so allowed to be taxed as part of the costs of the case and to be paid to the Board by the county or city, as the case may be.

If the Board is summoned at the instance of the accused person under Section 6, the court may, in its discretion, require such accused person, or his representatives, to furnish a bond conditioned to reimburse the county or city, as the case may be, for the fees and expenses paid to the Board. If the Board is summoned under the provisions of either Section 6 or 8, and the accused person is found to be insane, then the estate of such insane person shall be liable to the county or city, as the case may be, for the amount of fees and expenses paid to the Board. Any fees paid to the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene under this section shall be in addition to the salary prescribed by Section 15 hereof.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 17. 1912, sec. 17. 1904, sec. 17. 1888, sec. 17. 1886, ch. 487, sec. 18. 1910, ch. 715, sec. 17 (p. 186).

**17.** The Commissioner of Mental Hygiene shall record the transactions of the Board and perform such other duties as may be ordered by the Board. \$2,500.00 per annum or so much thereof as may be necessary in addition to the salary of the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene shall be allowed for expenses to be accounted for annually to the comptroller of the State.

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<sup>1</sup> All the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions conferred by any provisions of law upon the secretary of the lunacy commission were transferred to the commissioner of mental hygiene by sec. 5, ch. 29, p. 62, of the acts of 1922 and all the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the lunacy commission were transferred by the same section to the board of mental hygiene. This section abolished the lunacy commission and the position of secretary.